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July 14, 2003

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Kenji DATE and Masumi NAKAI  
POROUS SINTERED METAL AND FILTER THEREOF, AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING POROUS SINTERED METAL  
Assignee: **HITACHI METALS, LTD.**  
Our Ref. Q76503

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty four (34) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, nine (9) sheets of drawings, and executed assignment, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>12</u>	-	20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee										\$750.00

<b>TOTAL FEE</b>										<b><u>\$750.00</u></b>
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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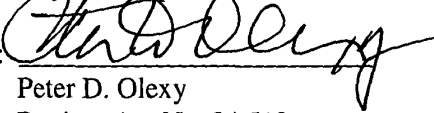
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2002-205958	July 15, 2002
JAPAN	2003-95376	March 31, 2003

The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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